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COSTS; SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION JULY 31

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1. SPC AGREED TO LISTING OF MBFR DELEGATIONS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE  
EMBASSY ROSTERS IN AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATIC LIST BUT SEPARATED  
FROM REST OF EMBASSY LIST. ONLY RESERVATION TO THIS AGREEMENT  
WAS ITALIAN WHICH WE EXPECT TO BE LIFTED WHEN SPC NEXT DISCUSSES  
THIS MATTER ON AUGUST 2. RE STATUS OF NATO INTERNATIONAL  
PERSONNEL, UK REP'S PERSONAL SUGGESTION FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-  
STANDING WITH NATO PRINCIPALS (SEE REFTEL) HAS BEEN ACCEPTED  
BY HMG. SPC AGREED TO THIS APPROACH ON THE UNDERSTANDING  
THAT IT WOULD BE NEITHER NECESSARY NOR HELPFUL TO SPELL OUT  
TOO CLEARLY VIENNA AMBASSADORS' AUTHORITY IN CONTRADISTINCTION  
TO THAT OF NATO SYG, CHAIRMAN MC AND SACEUR. ILLUSTRATIVE DRAFT  
WITH SUITABLY GENERAL FORMULATION WILL BE DEVISED BY IS  
AND UK DEL FOR REVIEW AT AUGUST 2 MEETING.

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2. ON CONFERENCE COSTS, BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) BRIEFED  
COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH AUSTRIANS BEFORE AND DURING  
VIENNA EXPLORATORY TALKS. IT SEEMED CLEAR FROM THIS EXCHANGE  
THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO MENTION BY THE AUSTRIANS ABOUT

WHAT PAYMENT PROCEDURE MIGHT PERTAIN DURING THE NEGOTIATING PHASE AND THAT GOA COMMITTED ITSELF ONLY ON FACILITIES FOR THE INITIAL TALKS. THIS BEING SO, SPC AGREED THAT NEGOTIATING SIDES COULD NOT REFUSE TO PAY SOME SHARE OF CONFERENCE COSTS, E.G. FOR RENTAL AND OPERATION OF A BUILDING. COMMITTEE DECIDED, HOWEVER, TO WAIT FOR A FORMAL REQUEST IN THIS SENSE FROM THE AUSTRIANS AT WHICH POINT CLARIFICATION COULD BE SOUGHT ABOUT WHICH COSTS GOA EXPECTED MBFR DELEGATIONS TO ABSORB AND HOW MUCH MONEY MIGHT BE INVOLVED. BELGIAN REP ALSO OBSERVED THAT, BASED ON CONTACTS HIS EMBASSY AND NATO/IS REP DE BURLET HAD MADE IN AUSTRIAN FONOFF, IT SEEMED ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT GOA MIGHT MAKE MORE OF AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN SCHOTTENRING BUILDING IF THERE WERE GOOD PROSPECT OF REIMBURSEMENT OF RENT AND BUILDING COSTS FROM DELEGATIONS.

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